

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Kinau arrived yesterday afternoon.

All the government schools closed to-day.

The leading grocers will close to-morrow.

Three political prisoners returned from Hilo yesterday.

The closing exercises at Fort-street school commenced this morning.

Mr. C. A. Brown has leased the C. O. Berger residence on Beretania street.

S. S. Miowera from Sydney and S. S. Monowai from the Coast to-morrow.

Waianae is a fine place to spend the Fourth for sportsmen and fishermen.

The school at Waianae under Mr. Foss and Miss Drysdale has some good work.

The finest sea fishing on the island is to be found on the shores of Waianae.

The furniture sale at the residence of Mrs. C. O. Berger was well attended to-day.

The Healan boathouse will be opened to the public to-morrow during the races.

Anybody "antic" enough to see the "horrors" to-morrow will have to be around at 6 a. m.

Contractor Bickal doesn't seem pleased at his business relations with the O. R. & L. Co.

Two bids from Chinamen for the paia contract of the Board of Health have been received so far.

The wedding of Mr. H. Focke and Miss Anita Neumann has been set for the beginning of August.

The government bridge at Waimea has to be looked after owing to driftwood undermining the piles.

Manager Dillingham ought to compile a guide book to the points of interest and the legends of his line.

The President will hold an informal reception from 10 to 11 a. m. to-morrow at the Executive building.

The railroad line is now projected to be extended round Kaena to Waialua and across Waimea to Kahuku.

Notice requiring immediate payment of personal taxes and dog taxes are out. Why are they classed together?

Geo. Cavanaugh boasts of a one-legged chicken which dances the hornpipe and doesn't seem to miss the other leg.

The road bed of the new line to Waianae is so solid that hardly any vibration is felt even at a thirty mile an hour speed.

Mangoes at Waianae are in some cases as large as swan's eggs and of a brilliant purplish red with a plum bloom on them.

Basket picnic at Independence Park to-morrow. The Christian Church congregation have their picnic at Waikiki.

A fine line of Dress Hats and Bonnets. Also a full line of Kid Gloves, for the receptions, can be found at Sachs', 520 Fort street.

The INDEPENDENT thanks Manager Dillingham, Passenger Agent Fred. C. Smith and engineer C. Kluegel for courtesies rendered.

Manager Ahrendts of the Waianae Co., has the cordial thanks of the Independent for information courteously afforded our representative.

Board of Health meet this afternoon at 3 o'clock. They will probably wade through the immense mass of affidavits in the matter of Dr. Armitage.

Nothing fresh filed at the Supreme Court to-day. The Court-Judd, Bickerton and Frear—are hearing banco appeals from Second Circuit Court, Maui.

George Lyeurgus left for Kauai last evening on business. He will probably collect \$14,000 this time. He is expected to return if all goes well in two or three weeks.

Frank Vida was around town to-day for the first time after his six weeks spell of sickness. He doesn't boast of as much flesh as he used to and that wasn't much. He will go to Hawaii on Friday to recuperate.

The combination of heat, rich soil and plenty of water at Waianae Plantation make nine month old cane over 18 foot long in places. The phenomenal thickness of the growth beggars imagination to describe.

WHIRLED TO WAIANAE.

A Scenic Route Through Legendary Localities.

Newspaper Folk Get An Outing and a Chance to Rest.



YESTERDAY morning about 9.30 o'clock a party of Honolulu newspaper men gathered on the platform of the Oahu Railroad and Land Company's depot. Here they were met by Emil Klopfer, a visiting author who presented each with a copy of his account of his travels around and over the world. At 9:40 the train consisting of the directors' parlor car, "Pearl," and an observation car steamed out in charge of Master Mechanic H. D. Roberts and Fred. C. Smith, passenger agent.

The party was made up as follows: J. E. Bush, Ka Leo; J. U. Kawaiui, Kuokoa; J. Nawahi, Aloha Aina; F. J. Testa, Makainana; D. K. Punini, Oiaio; J. M. Vivas, Santinella; Ho Fon, Chinese News; C. Yakaam, Chinese Times; J. D. Stacker, The Time; J. D. Hayne, The Hawaiian; Bishop Willis, Diocesan Magazine; L. P. Lincoln, Anglican Church Chronicle; G. Manson, Evening Bulletin; W. R. Farrington, Advertiser; E. Towse, Star; H. M. Whitney, Planters' Monthly; S. E. Bishop, Friend; Frank Godfrey, Representative Kamaoaha, and G. Carson Kenyon, The Independent. At 10:09 Pearl City was passed through without stopping. At 10:25 a stop was made at Ewa plantation, and in an hour and twenty-five minutes Waianae was reached. On the road down Fred. C. Smith distributed violet and pink aster boutonnieres, also cigars and liquids. Chief Engineer C. Kluegel and contractor J. L. Bickal were also on the train to assist in informing the empty skulls of the tripping journalists.

At Waianae transfer was made to the plantation cane cars and seated on improvised plank seats a tour taken through 250 acres of growing cane to Makaha, and thence to the pumping plant and finally to the mill. On return to the railroad cars a bounteous lunch of excellent sandwich, salad and ice cream was spread, and after a stroll of an hour round classic Waianae at 2 o'clock return was made to Honolulu which, with a stay of twenty minutes at Ewa plantation, was reached at 4 p. m. On the road back the newspaper men passed resolutions thanking the railroad management and especially Fred. C. Smith, for the comfort and courtesy extended to the trip, also to the Waianae Co. and Manager Ahrendts for similar favors. On the return trip Sam Parker, C. E. Sproull, J. R. Holt, Jr., O. Stillman, A. Ahrendts, Sam Andrews, and the judge of Waianae accompanied the party to town. A freight car with the first freight from Waianae up—consisting of six dozen turkeys from Makaha, Holt's place—was attached to the train.

Now for the trip. The extension has added fifteen miles of good road and about half that distance of wonderful scenic effects to the property of the O. R. & L. Co. Leaving Honolulu the most noteworthy objects seen from the line are the Kamehameha Girls and Boys schools, then L. Wilcox's poi factory, Fertilizing Works, the Wai- au rice mill, Pearl City locks, Kidwell's pineapple cannery, and Ewa mill and plantation. From Ewa fifteen miles of good road bed—eight miles on imported cedar ties

and seven miles on native ohia ties have been laid. Most of the road appears to be laid on a flat level plain and cuttings are few and low, and the bed is so straight to the eye while speeding along on the train as to give the idea of stretching out into infinity, yet there are seven or eight curves on the line of as much as two thousand feet radius. Leaving the open plains the train enters an algeroba forest growing so closely that it resembles the description of Robinson Crusoe's hedge more than anything else. Here wood cutters are busy at work opening up vistas on each side of the track. Leaving this the track comes out on the shore of the broad, blue, blazing Pacific gently floating against the beach. It skirts the sand and rocks giving an opportunity to watch the surf beat on the rocks and to watch the long white sand beaches of Piliokahe and Nanakuli.

In rapid succession are passed Mikila, Ulehawa, Puuohulu, Laekalaau, and the plains of Maili. Here are the places connected with the famous legends of Kamapuaa and the home of his parents. Here also was Hiaka-i-ka-poli-o-Pele in her famous journey after Lohiau. Then comes the almost semicircular valley of Lualualei, and lying between Laekailio and Maunalahila bursts upon our sight the beautiful historical valley of Waianae. Prominent in the centre is the immense sugar mill and its tall brick chimney and iron smokestack. Clustered round this is the village with its church and school, court house, jail, stores, etc. Far in the distance are the cane and cocoanuts of famed Makaha, and behind lie more cane, coffee, and even cattle ranches. The plantation has about 800 acres of cane land under cultivation just now and will have about 1000 next year. It is irrigated by a superb pumping plant from the Rsdon Iron Works which pumps 2,250,000 gallons every ten hours from six artesian wells, three of ten-inch and three twelve-inch. The wells are 160 feet deep. There are about seven miles of railroad track on the the plantation. The peculiar feature of Waianae management is its care to have everything in duplicate so as to prevent stoppage of work in case of accident. Its mill is duplicate, its pumping plant and everything. A special feature of the scenery is the wonderful coloring and fantastic forms of the volcanic hills which press so close to the shore at times as almost to force the railroad into the bosom of ocean. The atmosphere is so perfect that hills not more than four miles away take on the purples and peacock blues and greens of immense distance. An artist would revel in the effects.

Notes From the Track.

The races to-morrow will be the best seen for many years in Honolulu. They will all be run for "blood," and they are all straight goods. The races will start at 1:30 sharp, and there will be no delays. All arrangements are perfect and the meeting will assuredly be a great success. For the benefit of the betting ladies who risk neckties and dimes, against 12-button gloves and gold, a list of the winners is published. The Independent does not guarantee its prophecies:

- 1st Race—Amarino.
- 2d Race—Lottie L.
- 3d Race—Billy C.
- 4th Race—Silkey.
- 5th Race—Senator Stanford.

With the exception of Lottie L. the horses are all well-known. Lottie L. is a new importation and comes from Agnew. She is claimed to be superior even to Alvina, which it is rumored is claimed by her owner to be too fast to enter for a \$100 purse. She might run away with the purse. Silkey and Creole will make a very interesting race. Creole has got the speed and Silkey the staying power. The races will probably be over at about 5 o'clock.

Address all communications to the Editorial Department of the Independent to Edmund Norrie. Business letters should be addressed to G. C. Kenyon. This is necessary for the present as the Post Office will withhold all mails addressed simply to the Independent, owing to the suit brought by A. V. Gear.

Samuel Parker and A. Sproull returned yesterday evening from Waianae in the "Pearl" train, after a fishing and hunting expedition. Fishing and hunting are not special features of the newly opened district. The two sportsmen went their way sadly to the fish market where there is more "game."

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